

and senseless war. He must be immediately freed and allowed to continue his work.

Sincerely,

Ben Cardin, Jeanne Shaheen, Roger Wicker, Sheldon Whitehouse, U.S. Senators.

Steve Cohen, Gerald Connolly, Brian Fitzpatrick, Richard Hudson, Marcy Kaptur, Adam Kinzinger, Peter Meijer, Gwen Moore, Katie Porter, Abigail Spanberger, Joe Wilson, John Curtis, Ruben Gallego, Sheila Jackson Lee, Bill Keating, Tom Malinowski, Mike Levin, Burgess Owens, Maria Elvira Salazar, Marc Veasey, Members of Congress.

#### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, this week, our Nation observes National Police Week, a time when we pay tribute to our brave law enforcement officers and honor those who died in the line of duty.

Over the course of this week, Americans will come together to pay tribute to the 619 officers who gave their lives in the line of duty last year. Among them, six brave officers from Kansas will be memorialized on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC.

Thousands travel to our Nation's Capital to honor those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice during this ceremony, and back home, Kansans will gather to honor the men and women who put on a uniform each day to protect the communities we call home.

One officer Kansans will gather to pay tribute to next week is Captain Clay Germany of the Wichita Police Department. Captain Germany was a U.S. Navy veteran and started his law enforcement career serving with the Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office and the Midwest City Police Department. He then dedicated 27 years to serving with the Wichita Police Department and, throughout his time, served as police officer, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain.

Captain Germany earned a reputation for being a trusted leader and mentor within the community and in the department, always willing to lend a helping hand. On behalf of Kansas, I want to express my gratitude for his service. Captain Germany's dedication helped make Wichita a better and safer community.

I also want to recognize Wichita Police Department Officer Kyle Mellard, who was shot when responding to a welfare check in June of last year. After fighting for his life, Officer Mellard is able to walk again, a recovery that his fellow officers call a miracle. Despite his severe injuries, when talking about his recovery, Officer Mellard made his goal clear: to get back to work as an officer as soon as possible.

All too often, we forget about the many important roles that our police officers have within our communities. This extends beyond relationships between police officers and individual residents. It is about the relationships

between law enforcement and key institutions in our communities, such as churches, hospitals, schools, and businesses.

During Police Week, we honor those we have lost, but we also remember the families they left behind. May God comfort them in their time of grief and be a source of strength for them.

May God bless our law enforcement officers and protect them from harm as they faithfully perform their duties each and every day.

#### NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, every single day, law enforcement officers across the Nation put on a badge and leave for work to protect and serve our families and communities, not knowing if they will return to their own. Whether it be by ensuring safety on our roadways or responding to life-or-death crises, these brave men and women consistently honor their solemn oath in safeguarding the people of this blessed Nation.

As we commemorate 2022 National Law Enforcement Week, we offer special honors for the 619 officers our Nation lost last year in the line of duty, sadly including officers from Mississippi. This week is dedicated to remembering their ultimate sacrifice, which is dearly felt by loved ones, friends, and entire communities.

Law enforcement officers have remained steadfast in their commitment to serve, even when faced with harsh, unfair criticism, scrutiny, and limited resources. Their ability to carry out their already stressful duties in such a challenging and sometimes hostile environment is remarkable.

I want to make it known to all the law enforcement officers across the State of Mississippi and around the country that I greatly admire you for your rock solid tenacity and loyalty throughout such challenges. I will continue to work to ensure you have what you need to do your job.

These officers, who are truly hometown heroes, are strongholds in our communities, and the loss of any officer is deeply felt by all. This Police Week, we honor and mourn five heroes from Mississippi, officers who died in the line of duty in 2021.

Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol Trooper John Martin Harris, 44, died on May 28, 2021, after a vehicle struck him during a traffic stop. Harris' childhood dream was to be a policeman and serve his community. Having earned two Purple Hearts throughout his 24-year law enforcement career is a testament to his dedication, bravery, and selflessness. He leaves behind his wife and his two children.

Jefferson Davis County Deputy Sheriff Thomas Patrick "Pat" Barnes, 50, lost his life on April 10, 2021, after he sustained injuries in a single vehicle car crash while responding to a call for assistance from another agency. Barnes' passion for law enforcement

began while working in security. He joined and graduated from the police academy in 2017 and began his career with Jefferson Davis County Sheriff's department shortly thereafter. He leaves behind his wife, four children, and his grandchildren.

Hancock County Lieutenant Michael Anthony Boutte, Sr., was tragically shot and killed after responding to an emergency situation involving a suicidal man who turned his weapon onto arriving deputies. He died on February 1, 2021, at the age of 57. Before his law enforcement career, Boutte served in the U.S. Air Force, where he was deployed during Operation Desert Storm. Boutte is survived by his wife, his child, his step-children, and his grandchildren.

Deputy Sheriff Bobby Daffin of George County Sheriff's Office passed away August 12, 2021, following a battle with COVID-19. He was 37 years old. Daffin served his community for 14 years and had recently served as a narcotics agent for the Southeast Mississippi Narcotics Task Force. He leaves behind a young daughter.

Hinds County Sheriff Lee D. Vance, 63, lost his life from cardiorespiratory failure as a result of COVID-19 on August 3, 2021. Vance, who has always had a love for the city of Jackson, served as Jackson police chief from 2014–2017 and was later elected Hinds County Sheriff in 2019. He leaves behind four daughters, a son, and numerous grandchildren.

We also honor the lives of many officers, whose stories of sacrifice had been lost to history until now.

In addition to these recent losses, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial will include the name of Deputy Town Marshal Walker Cobb of Saucier, MS. At the age of 41, Cobb was fatally shot on December 25, 1903, while attempting to arrest an impaired suspect for disorderly conduct. More than a century later, his loss and sacrifice will be remembered.

Throughout our Nation's history, our men and women in blue have often risked personal peril to safeguard their fellow citizens, and we owe them our staunch support. As we mark National Police Week, let us acknowledge our debt to these fallen officers and recommit ourselves to support them and their families, especially when tragedy strikes.

I will continue to be an advocate for law enforcement professionals and do all I can to honor the legacy of those lost in the line of duty.

To the families and loved ones of our fallen Mississippi law enforcement officers, I know you have faced enormous loss. It is said, "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit." Please know that it is my prayer that the Lord stays near you during your time of grief. God bless you, and God bless our men and women in blue.

# RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION'S STARS OF LIFE

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the American Ambulance Association's "Stars of Life" recipients from Arkansas. I am proud to recognize these noble Americans who are always there to help those in need.

The emergency medical technicians, paramedics, dispatchers, and other ambulance service providers deserve applause and appreciation for their commitment and selflessness. The "Stars of Life" program celebrates the dedication, service, and heroism of ambulance professionals who have gone beyond the call of duty on behalf of their communities and the emergency medical services profession. This initiative honors them and their significant contributions, while also raising awareness of the vital role EMS personnel play in our society and healthcare infrastructure.

I am especially proud of the six "Stars of Life" from Arkansas: Devin Holland, Kenneth Jenkins, Randy Murry, Amanda Nesbitt, Alvin Short, and Benny Ford.

Each of these individuals has devoted themselves to serving others by providing vital 9-1-1 emergency care in their communities. These dedicated public servants have used their skills and training for the good of others, both on duty and off duty. They exemplify the mission of their profession and consistently promote public health and safety.

Our State's recipients, like those throughout the country, were nominated for this honor by their peers and administrators because of their selflessness, commitment to the job, positive influence, and "service before self" philosophy. Their work ethic and service are described as contagious and commendable. Thousands of lives have been touched and even saved by these Stars of Life. Their work continues to better communities nationwide and impact emergency medical services positively.

I am so grateful for these Arkansans, whose dedication to their communities is admirable as they make an unquestionable difference in the lives of those around them. They are an amazing example of heroism and service in action, and Natural State residents are blessed to have their help in a time of need.

## TRIBUTE TO RICHARD BRYAN

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, I am honored and humbled to congratulate former Nevada Governor and U.S. Senator Richard Bryan on his retirement last month from Fennemore Craig. A dedicated public servant and champion for Nevada, Senator Bryan spent over half a century advocating for others, serving in just about every position in government, from the Nevada Senate to the Governor's mansion to the U.S. Senate. Throughout his extensive and

storied career, Senator Bryan always put Nevadans first. As the person with the privilege to serve in his Senate seat today, I think frequently about Senator Bryan's steady, unwavering leadership, and his pragmatic approach to addressing issues that mattered most to the people of Nevada.

To note only a few of Senator Bryan's incredible accomplishments would be a disservice to his long history of achievements for the public good, but I will do my best. As a young man, Senator Bryan served his country in the U.S. Army, the Las Vegas community as a prosecutor, and later Clark County as its first—and youngest—public defender. Young Richard Bryan showed Nevada's youth that anything is possible when you are dedicated and determined. Later, he served as Nevada's 27th attorney general, and as Governor of Nevada, Senator Bryan helped shape our State during a pivotal time in its history, helping Nevada attract the best and brightest, inviting businesses of all different sectors and sizes, to call Nevada home.

As a U.S. Senator for two terms, Senator Bryan never stopped fighting to protect Nevada's natural beauty. He stood up for policies that safeguarded our public lands, leading the charge for passage of the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act of 1998, which to this day makes land and resources available for various public purposes to better the communities in our State. I also want to recognize Senator Bryan and the late Senator Harry Reid for being the leading voices in the fight against Yucca Mountain, standing up for Nevadans and against our State becoming the Nation's nuclear dumping ground. During his time in the Senate, Senator Bryan also worked tirelessly to advance civil rights, empower women in government, make our roads safer, and protect consumers from fraud. As a senior member of the Senate Commerce Committee, Senator Bryan was the lead sponsor of seven consumer protection and highway safety bills that passed the Senate. And as chair of the Senate Ethics Committee, Senator Bryan demonstrated his commitment to the notion that public servants should fight for the interests of their constituents, not their own interests.

Senator Bryan has been beloved his entire career—by his staff, by his constituents, and by his late wife Bonnie, who was the light of his life and stood by his side throughout Senator Bryan's public life, serving Nevada with poise and grace. Those who worked for Senator Bryan remember him as the kind of boss who made everyone feel like an integral part of the team, from the chief of staff, down to new interns. That is why they have stayed close with one another and with him ever since Senator Bryan left the Senate in 2000.

Nevadans will forever be indebted to Senator Richard Bryan for his many selfless years of public service. I, per-

sonally, will always be grateful to Senator Bryan for his care, his compassion, and his kindness, particularly when I first joined the Senate to restore the Richard Bryan seat to a Democrat for the first time since he held it. I will never forget Senator Bryan walking me down the center aisle of the Senate Chamber, arm-in-arm, as I was sworn in to represent the people of Nevada, just as he had done decades earlier. I know I am a better Senator because of Senator Richard Bryan, I know we as a State and a nation are better off for his tremendous efforts, and I wish him all the best as he enters a well-deserved retirement.

## ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

### TRIBUTE TO DAN CNOSSEN

• Mr. MORAN. Mr. President, last week, leaders across Washington have gathered to celebrate our Team USA Olympic and Paralympic athletes during the 2022 Winter Games. In that spirit, today, I want to both recognize and congratulate Lieutenant Commander and Kansan Dan Cnossen on his recent gold medal victory for the United States in the mixed relay cross-country event at the 2022 Paralympic Winter Games.

While this accomplishment itself is worthy of our praise, it is Dan's journey leading up to this remarkable achievement that renders this feat all the more outstanding and commendable.

A fifth-generation Kansas farm kid and graduate of Shawnee Heights High School in Tecumseh, Dan attended the U.S. Naval Academy, completing the rigorous and physically excruciating BUD/S program to commission as a Navy SEAL. He reached the rank of lieutenant commander and was serving as a platoon commander for Seal Team ONE in Afghanistan where his life was forever changed as a result of his service to our Nation.

In September of 2009, Lieutenant Commander Cnossen was severely injured when he stepped on an IED in Kandahar, Afghanistan. He was 29 years old. He woke up 8 days later to learn that both of his legs had been amputated just above the knee.

Imagine that. Imagine waking up back in the U.S. to realize the life you always knew and the future you had envisioned had changed forever. Imagine being one of the most physically and mentally advanced soldiers, only to have that change in an instant—because of one single step.

Despite the extent of his injuries and though his life had changed forever, Dan did not give up. Or, as his fellow SEALs would say, he never "rang the bell." Dan relearned how to walk with new and unfamiliar prosthetic legs and attacked every opportunity in life with vigor and determination. But the road was long, and it was never steady. Not giving up was a choice that had to be made each moment of each day.